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MODULE ADAPTED TO  
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FREQUENCY POWER  
APPLIED TO A PLASMA  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit : 1744

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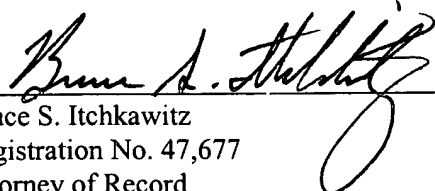
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449, together with copies of the seven (7) references listed thereon.
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing seven (7) references that are also enclosed. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	5,175,472	12/29/92	Johnson, Jr. et al.			
	5,303,139	04/12/94	Mark			
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	EP 0 707 186 A1	10/10/95	Europe				
	2,302,888	03/29/00	Canada				

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	European Search Report dated March 18, 2003 re Application No. EP 01 30 8363.

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